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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• A POINTED LESSON

A pointed lesson in the importance of the freedom of the press was furnished the rest of the nation last week by the uninformed Democratic voters of Marquette, Michigan when they discovered that a man they nominated for public office was an inmate of the state hospital for the insane where he had been committed on July 20.

The reason that the Democratic voters were uninformed was that the judge who committed the candidate was "empowered to withhold facts in certain cases." Had all of that judge's records been open to the public, including newspaper reporters, the odds are a thousand to one against even a half-hearted campaign being waged without somebody bringing up the fact that this particular "pride of the party" had been adjudged—legally—as being nuttier than a grove of almonds—more or less.

All we know about the case is the story carried in the daily papers, which didn't mention how the judge came to be "empowered to withhold certain facts." However in view of a certain amount of experience with such affairs, we think we know. There are always some tear jerkers, who know little, and don't even suspect very much, who want to "control" the type of information that may be printed. One of their favorite whines is that they want to "protect innocent people from unnecessary embarrassment." That's probably the one they used to get this judge the power to "withhold certain information."

Well, in the first place, it is very seldom that a newspaper prints a story about anyone being committed to a hospital for the insane. It happens every day—more or less—in Lake county, but only on very special occasions do any Lake county papers chronicle the fact. Nevertheless, such records have always been open to inspection and if a committed zany were nominated for public office in Lake county, it's a pretty safe bet that the voters of the party would have nominated him because all the sane had refused. On the day a petition for nomination was filed, Lake county would read about it in the afternoon newspaper—whether the candidate were Republican or Democrat.

Of course, some of us Republicans are biased enough to think that the voters of Marquette were setting no Democratic precedent when they picked a goofball as a candidate, but even we have to admit that this is the first time we could prove—legally—that one of their candidates was crazy.

• HARRY'S POLICEMEN

Those policemen of Harry's (Marines to the rest of us) are doing pretty well, but perhaps they'd better watch out. A guy named Denham was doing what he was sworn to do and he got the old heave ho. On the other hand, it isn't too likely that Harry will pick on the Marines again very soon. His fingers must still be burning from trying to pick up that particular red hot stove.

Community Concerts Memberships Sold Out

The campaign for the sale of memberships for the current Community Concerts season closed September 18 with all available memberships sold, Alfred T. Siller, President of the local Association announced yesterday.

Membership Cards will be mailed to this year's subscribers well in advance of the first concert. There will be no single concert tickets available. Persons who were not able to obtain memberships for this season may wish to give their name and address to the Secretary—Mrs. Robert Ingwersen, 346 Park Ave., HL 2-0259 to receive notice regarding membership sale for the 1951-52 season.

Automobile Men Receive Recognition From Motor Club

Frank A. and Robert A. Lawrence of Purnell & Wilson, Inc., Highland Park, Ill., Ford dealer, received public recognition, last week, for distinguished service in the midwest traffic safety movement.

Charles M. Hayes, president of the Motor Club, presented each merchant with a handsomely engraved and framed certificate citing this public service, as a highlight of the big meeting attended by leading educators, traffic officials and representatives of the American Automobile Association.

Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS: The greatest contribution we can make to the welfare of our community, the State and the Nation is through our effort to make ours a better and safer community in which to live and,
WHEREAS: One of the leading causes for injury and death in the Nation especially among children is the result of accidents in the home and,
WHEREAS: The Highland Park Post of the American Legion is sponsoring a Safety Program devoted to home safety during the week of September 25th
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That as Mayor of the City of Highland Park, Illinois, I do hereby proclaim the week of September 25th, Safety Week, and request that all organizations and citizens cooperate by participating in the program and enrolling in the contest to be conducted by the school children.

Robert Ferry Patton, Mayor of the City of Highland Park Lake County, Illinois

Steering Committee For Lake County Water District Meets Today

A plan to organize a water district for all of Lake county which will enable communities all over the county to provide citizens with Lake Michigan water, will be formulated at a meeting to be held today at the Karcher hotel in Waukegan.

The meeting is for members of the steering committee of the Lake County Water District. The committee was appointed by James F. Stiles, Jr., vice president and treasurer of Abbott Laboratories, and is headed by John P. Kottcamp of Waukegan, retired industrial manager.

Membership on the committee includes Edward A. Menke of Waukegan as secretary and Robert Patton, mayor of Highland Park, and other County officials.

The steering committee is arranging a meeting with the Lake County Board of Supervisors at which time the proposal will be explained and petitions will be available to be signed by citizens and presented to the county court. The county judge will set a hearing and also the date for a county-wide referendum on the proposition to organize the Lake County Water District.

If the voters approve, the district will be formed as a non-profit and non-taxing district run by five trustees appointed by the county judge.

The plan contemplates joining all of the city water pumping stations along the lake shore with a large water main extending parallel to the lake shore from Highland to Winthrop Harbor. From this main, auxiliary mains would be extended out westward making an ample supply of filtered Lake Michigan water available to any village or city that faces a water shortage.

No community would be required to buy water from the district, but all would have the right to do so. Individuals and institutions outside of incorporated areas would also have the right to buy water from the district.

The first step contemplates making water available to Gurnee, Libertyville and Mundelein where water shortages have been felt, and extending the mains on westward as rapidly as the demand made the installation work economically feasible.

All of the expenses of operating the water district will be paid for with water revenue bonds. Pumping stations along the shore will be paid for the water used, and communities buying the water will pay for it on a cost basis and sell to the consumers in the communities.

The water district will have no power of taxation and no taxes will be levied for its operation.

NOTICE

On Sunday at 2 a.m. daylight saving time will end for the summer and clocks will be set back one hour.

NAME PERRAULT HEAD OF CHEST

Chairman Perreault Announces Names Of Chairmen

Bryan K. Perreault, chairman of the general campaign committee of the 1950 Highland Park Community Chest drive, announced this week the vice chairmen and the district chairmen and co-chairmen who will direct the home canvass in October.

The campaign opens on Monday, October 2, and it is the hope of the committee that the majority of pledges will be secured in one evening, thus holding to a minimum the time required of voluntary workers.

A budget of \$66,965.20 for 1950-51 has been approved by the board of directors to meet the needs of the eleven participating agencies in addition to supporting the Associated Services for the Armed Forces the new national organization which is assuming the functions formerly performed by the USO.

Vice chairmen, district chairmen and co-chairmen are:

Vice Chairmen

Districts 1 and 2—Milton J. Hardacre, Jr.; Districts 3 and 4—Frank B. Wales; District 5—J. Franklin Bickmore; Districts 6 and 7—Wyatt Jacobs; District 8—Robert J. Christopher; Districts 9 and 10—Gordon R. Parks; District 11—Russell C. Vinnege; District 12—Dr. Allen G. Doner; District 13—Leo Labuda; District 14—Gordon Buchanan and District 15—Harrington G. Yost.

District Chairmen and Co-Chairmen

Business District—Fred A. Cuscaden; District 1—Frederick Asher, John M. Mannings and S. Parker Johnston, Jr.; District 2—Bernard Joseph and Hiram I. Kennicott, Jr.; District 3—R. E. Williams, Ted Winter and Wm. H. Aaron; District 4—Charles A. Pollak, Cyrus Mead III, Hugo Hartmann, Jr., John W. Eisen-drath and Robert R. Burton; District 5—Mrs. Louis Behr and Hugh Riddle; District 6—Mrs. Wood.

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Women Voters Combine For Opening Meeting Of The Year

Lake Bluff and Lake Forest women are joining Highland Park women at the opening meeting of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, to be held on September 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Memorial Club which is located at the former Community Center.

"For this first meeting we are very proud to present Mrs. Ralph Young, known to the reading public as Louise M. Young, Ph.D.," states Mrs. Ferdinand Kramer, program chairman for the Highland Park League. "Mrs. Young," says Mrs. Kramer, "is the author of a recent book 'Understanding Politics—A Practical Guide for Women', but to the League of Women Voters she is known as the historian under whose supervision the National League Records are now being processed for the Library of Congress."

Mrs. Young will explain to her audience what she means by "Operation Immortal."

Chamber To Hear County Water District Official

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will present, as guest speaker, at next week's meeting, John P. Kottcamp, a retired Executive Vice President of Johns Mansville Corp., president of Waukegan School board, president of Glen Flora Country club, and chairman of the newly created Lake County Water District.

Welfare Group Makes Plans For Bazaar; Fashion Show

The Highland Park - Ravinia Infant Welfare Wing group held the first meeting of the season last Monday night. Mrs. Harry B. Clow III served as hostess.

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Highland Park American Legion To Plan For Disaster Precautions Here

Mr. Ned Stuits Becomes Director Of Recreation Center

Mr. Ned Stuits, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, arrived in town last Monday, to act as Director of the new Recreation Center, a position formerly held by Mr. Howard Copp, now teaching in Glen-coe.

Mr. Stuits, married and the father of two small children, is a graduate of Western Michigan college at Kalamazoo, where he was captain of the college football team in 1945, receiving, for that year, the award for being the most valuable player on the team.



Ned Stuits

He is one of the few who have won four letters in all sports.

He has had two years of experience as recreation director at North Muskegon, two summers as athletic director at a Grand Rapids Country club and taught and coached for one year at Chelsea, Michigan.

During the war he served for two and one-half years as physical director and instructor in the armed services.

Mrs. Stuits and the children, aged 2 years and 8 months, are remaining in Kalamazoo until Mr. Stuits can find a home in Highland Park.

Home Safety Week Starts Sept. 25

The Highland Park Legion Post, with the endorsement of Mayor Robert F. Patton, is sponsoring a Safety Week campaign, starting Monday, September 25.

All the Grammar schools are participating in a contest whereby various residents of Highland Park will be contacted and their homes registered. These will be checked for safety from a questionnaire list prepared by the National Safety Council.

According to Mark A. Panther, chairman of the Home Safety committee, a plaque will be presented to that class in the Highland Park Grammar schools with the highest percentage of returns. A certificate of merit will be awarded to the class with the highest percentage of returns in each of the other schools. The entire student body at Highland Park High will receive Home Safety check lists, and each pupil is urged to check his own home for safety.

It is suggested that business people of the town assist the campaign by displaying safety equipment, posters etc. Ideas promoting home safety to the public are welcome.

Kiwanians Hear Wilmette Doctor Speak Of The Future

On Monday evening, which was Ladies' Night at the Kiwanis club, the members were privileged to hear Dr. Ira Hilton Jones of Wilmette, well-known chemist, who spoke on "Peeks At Things To Come."

The Divisional Meeting of the club will be held on October 25 at Glen Flora Country club. Dinner and dancing will be features of the evening.

American Legion Post Creates Disaster Committee

Commander Bernard P. Sheehy announced that the Highland Park Post voted unanimously to create a Disaster Committee of 30 men (as many more as necessary) to assist this community if a major disaster should strike us.

At the last meeting, Commander Sheehy said, "God forbid that we will ever have to use this committee, but if we do, this Post will be ready to give prompt and effective help to the city officials, the Highland Park Hospital or to the Federal authorities or agencies."

The officers of the Post have held a conference with Mayor Robert F. Patton and Chief of Police Eddie Patten to offer our help and work out the mechanics of the plan. They have also conferred with Mr. Frank Selfridge, President of the Highland Park Hospital. Some of our members were hospital corps men in the last war, and their experience would be invaluable to the Highland Park Hospital in time of great need. Our offer of aid will go immediately to the Federal authorities in this area.

In the near future, the disaster committee will be called together to receive instructions from Chief of Police, Eddie Patten. General William H. Wilbur has been appointed technical adviser to the committee.

Miller W. Schriener, Americanism Officer, announced that the action of our Post follows the policy of the American Legion Posts throughout the United States in helping to protect the communities in which we live with decisive action in times of disaster.

Members of the Disaster Committee are as follows: Carl Arnswald, Edward J. Brown, Peter J. Duskey, Harry E. Eichler, E. L. Gilroy, Louis Haberkamp, Alan J. Harrison, Frank R. Henderson, William J. Hesler, Tommy Homa, Oscar Iverson, Jerry C. Leeming, Herman W. Leuer, Matt Maiman, Chris W. Matthiesen, Addie J. Meatheny, Henry F. Mrazek, Albert R. Mueller, Michael Nolan, Jr., Angelo Notagiacoma, William Rectenwald, Jr., Karl Salo, Vernon Saftoe, Miller W. Schriener, Saylor D. Shanafelt, Commander Bernard P. Sheehy, Richard Van Arsdale, Frank G. Waggett, Winfield Zimmer and Frank J. Zipoy.

Public To Hear Informative Talk On "Blue Ballot"

Many Highland Park citizens have been invited to attend an informative meeting at the Highland Park Library Auditorium on Thursday, September 21, at 8 p.m. The meeting has been arranged by the Highland Park Citizens Committee for the Blue Ballot.

The Blue Ballot on which citizens will vote in November is known as the Gateway Amendment. It is a proposal to amend Article XIV of the Illinois Constitution so as to bring about other constitutional changes in the future. Article XIV provides methods of changing the Constitution. It is now a "closed gate." Amendment would "open the gate."

Temporary chairman of the Committee is Robert Cushman, with Maurice Weigle as co-chairman. Other members of the Committee are: Robert F. Patton, James Moore, Albert Bingham, Mrs. David Levinson, Mrs. Alice Hansen, William Cortesi, Mrs. Milton Arenberg, Mrs. C. H. Goelzer, Mrs. Elmer Klein and Mrs. Robert Palmer.

A speaker will be provided by the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision to give information and answer questions.